

A meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Fayette County Courthouse first floor commissioners conference room, 61 East Main Street, First Floor, Uniontown PA.

In attendance-

Commissioner Chairman Dave Lohr
Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites
Commissioner Scott Dunn (via Zoom)
Chief Clerk Amy Revak
Chief County Solicitor Jack Purcell

Commissioner Lohr welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:01 a.m. and asked everyone to stand for a prayer, which was led by Pastor Mike of the Central Fellowship Church of Connellsville. After the prayer, Commissioner Lohr asked everyone to face the flag and recite the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Proclamations

Commissioner Vicites read the proclamation for Older Americans Month- May 2022. A representative from the Area Agency on Aging thanked the commissioners for their support. She said they are looking forward to an exciting year.

Commissioner Lohr read the proclamation for Child Welfare Professional's Week- June 6-10, 2022. Representatives from providers thanked the commissioners. Jim Hercik, a member of the CYS advisory board, thanked them for their hard work.

Commissioner Vicites read the proclamation for Child Welfare Provider's Week- June 13-17, 2022. The commissioners were thanked for the proclamation. Mr. Hercik thanked the providers for their service to the community.

Controller

Controller Scott Abraham presented the following financial condition of the county.

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DATE	May 18, 2022		
GENERAL FUND			
Cash Balance	General Ledger	\$	21,806,460.94
TRAN Tax Anticipation Note		\$	7,800,000.00
2022 Revenue:	Budget	\$	51,038,920.00
	YTD	\$	31,363,836.87
	% Received		61.45%
2022 Expenditures:	Budget	\$	46,507,655.00
	YTD	\$	17,276,445.52
	% Used		37.15%
2021 Expenditures Paid in 2022		\$	2,212,398.47
DUE TO GENERAL FUND			
Payroll Payments Due to General Fund - CYS	\$ -	\$	1,036,488.62
Loan Payable Due to General Fund - CYS		\$	1,675,500.00
CYS Current Cash Balance = \$1,218,638.65			
TOTAL		\$	<u>2,711,988.62</u>
ACT 13 MARCELLUS SHALE FUND/FUND 13			
Cash Balance - Unconventional Wells Account		\$	313,894.94
Cash Balance - Legacy Account		\$	417,293.10
Cash Balance - Bridge Department Account		\$	1,769,709.75
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND/FUND 51			
Cash Balance		\$	2,567,109.90

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Mr. Abraham said the county will receive the majority of the CYS repayment soon.

Chief Clerk Revak read the agenda items.

Assessment Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following Veterans for real estate tax exemption as they have been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Military Affairs having been qualified as 100% disabled veterans.

Mary E Suchevids 100 M Suchevids Rd Farmington PA 15437	42-28-0004-10 Wharton Twp	New	Eff	3/2/2022
Betty Costantino 6 David St Brownsville PA 15417	02-06-0075 Brownsville Boro	New	Eff	2/14/2022
Justin M Hall 114 Colley Estates Rd Smithfield PA 15478	14-36-0126-03 Georges Twp	New	Eff	4/14/2022

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve an agreement with Eagleview to provide the county with Aerial Imagery, two (2) flights over a six (6) year term to be utilized by the Assessment Office, 911 Emergency Management, Office of Planning & Economic Development, Tax Claim, District Attorney and Sheriff's offices. Flight 1 cost is \$157,527.60 to be paid in equal amounts over a three (3) year period. Flight 2 cost is \$157,527.60 to be paid in equal amounts over a three (3) year period. Initial payment upon delivery in spring 2022. Annual cost over the six (6) year period is \$52,509.00. Budget Code 4136 53100-136. This is the continuance of an existing contract.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the vote, Commissioner Vicites said they were going with the base model.

Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following modification agreements:

<u>Modification Agreement #1 2021-2022</u>	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
Fayette Resources, Inc.	\$260,015	07/01/21-06/30/22
Specialized Therapy and Related Services (STARS)	\$180,000	07/01/21-06/30/22
Therapy House	\$20,000	07/01/21-06/30/22

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Building and Grounds

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to reject the bids received for Bid 22-07 to repair and replace windows at Searights Toll House.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Lohr said the bids came in higher than anticipated.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the agenda awarding a contract for Bid 22-06 for Fayette County Building roof repairs that include replacing roof and repointing masonry from the roof line up on the County Building section of the courthouse to Murray Sheet Metal Company with a base bid of \$439,274.00. The materials will be purchased through the US Communities Program for a cost of \$182,097.00 for a total project cost of \$621,371.00.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to award contracts for Bid 22-05 for the Fayette County Courthouse Connector project to Masco Construction of McMurray in the amount of \$873,000.00 for general construction;

to Hranec Sheet Metal of Uniontown in the amount of \$45,000.00 for mechanical construction and to George R. Smalley Company Inc. of Hopwood in the amount of \$48,198.00 for electrical construction.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Children and Youth Services

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve a **FY2021-22** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Fayette County Juvenile Probation and **The Children’s Aid Home Program of Somerset County, Inc.**, P. O. Box 1195, Somerset, PA 15501 for Residential and Foster Care Providers on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00	
	Rate/Day
Residential	\$ 132.64
Foster Care	\$ 75.56

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Economic Development

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to authorize Mark Rafail to attend 2022 PAHRA Spring Conference & Showcase at the Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA from June 12– June 15, 2022, at a cost of \$300.00 conference registration, plus tolls, and 3 nights lodging.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

ASSESSMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the hiring of Brenda Shaffer , Assessor I, SEIU, PG 12, \$15.99/hour (\$31,180.50 annually) effective TBD.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the hiring of Ronald Berish III, Assessor I, SEIU, PG 12, \$15.99/hour (\$31,180.50 annually) effective TBD.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the resignation of Bryan Rossini, Assessor I, effective April 19, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the resignation of Colin Boyle, Assessor II, effective May 2, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the retirement of Larry Rutherford, Bridge Worker III, effective May 2, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

BUILDING & GROUNDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the separation of employment of Aaron Rowe, Custodial Worker I, effective May 4, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

CYS

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the promotion of Demi Burnsworth to permanent Supervisor, effective May 9, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the hiring of Amanda VillaNeuva, Caseworker I, SEIU CYS, \$19.04/hour (\$37,134.15 annually) effective May 23, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the hiring of Barbara Zorichak, Fiscal Tech, SEIU CYS, \$18.14/hour (\$35,371.57 annually) effective May 23, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the acceptance into the Child Welfare Education of Leadership (CWEL) program to begin fall of 2022 for Marissa Engle, Caseworker II and Gina D'Auria, Director.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the resignation of Velincia Fields, Caseworker II, effective April 29, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the resignation of Haley Gray, Caseworker II, effective May 23, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the resignation of Ashley Leventry, Caseworker II, effective May 20, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the resignation of Meghan Simpson, Caseworker II, effective May 20, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

ELECTION BUREAU

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the resignation of Matthieu Kelly, Part Time Clerk, effective April 7, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

FACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the retirement of Linda Wheatley, Full Time Bus Driver, effective May 13, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the promotion of Carol Zuchowski to Assistant Director of Human Services, Non-Union Supervisor, PG 16, Step A, \$26.92/hour (\$52,494.00 annually) effective May 23, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the hiring of Kelly Bradigan, Operations Manager, Non-Union Supervisor, PG 14, Step SR, \$22.04/hour (\$42,978.00 annually) effective May 23, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

FCBHA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the retirement of Gerald Griffith, MH Program Specialist 1, effective May 2, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the retirement of Glenda Moore, Medical Records Assistant, effective May 2, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the promotion of Kerry Smith to MR Program Director, Non-Union, PG 43, Step RR, \$38.49/hour (\$75,055.50 annually) effective May 16, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the promotion of Nicole Barak to MH Program Director, Non-Union, PG 43, Step RR, \$38.49/hour (\$75,055.50 annually) effective May 16, 2022.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Planning, Zoning and Community Development

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve Gibson Thomas Engineering to be hired as the Engineer of Record for Fayette County Bridge projects.

Commissioner Dunn yes

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve authorization for Art Cappella in Engineering Construction Management System – (ECMS) for county bridge projects.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve authorization for Art Cappella in Engineering Construction Management System – (ECMS) for Sheepskin Trail project.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Dunn said he had to leave the meeting.

Solid Waste/Recycling

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to grant approval for Sheila Shea to attend a Solid Waste Seminar on June 8 in Harrisburg for \$250.00. The expense is budgeted and is reimbursable by the DEP 903 Grant. (\$125 Seminar fee and \$125 one-night hotel stay).

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to grant approval to have an outreach tent at the Farmington Fair from June 28 to July 2. Ms. Shea will flex her schedule to the best of her ability so there will be no comp time. The fair opens at 6 p.m. each night.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Tax Claim Bureau

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following repository bids opened on May 3, 2022, for a total bid amount received of \$620.00, subject to all conditions being met.

Accepted	Parcel	Twp/City	Amount
Bidder			
Jason Dean	06-07-0034	Connellsville Twp	\$200.00
Jimmy Merosier	19-33-0013	Luzerne Twp	\$420.00
Rejected			Total: \$620.00
Bidder	Parcel	Twp/City	Reason
Stone Denning	02-07-0182	Brownsville	Not Marked
Stone Denning	02-10-0158	Brownsville	Not Marked
Stone Denning	02-11-0002	Brownsville	Not Marked

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the April 19, 2022, commissioners agenda minutes.

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the April 21, 2022, commissioners meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the April 21, 2022, special commissioners meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve a resolution endorsing AMERICA250PA in honor of the upcoming United States Semiquincentennial.

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the reappointment of Muriel Nuttall to the Go Laurel Highlands Board, with a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Bill Talkington to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Public Participation Panel, with a term to expire December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to appoint James Stark to Workforce Development Board of Directors as a community-based organizations representative with a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Frank Staszko to the Workforce Development Board of Directors as a state employee service representative with a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Announcements-None

Public Comments

Jonathan Guth, reporter, asked about how the commissioners felt the election went. Commissioner Lohr said it went well and they didn't hear complaints. Commissioner Vicites, who was on the ballot, said he had no comment.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

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